

*PENTREF
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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye Baptist Church
January 2022**

FROM THE MINISTER

I have just re-read what I wrote in the January 2021 newsletter. It starts with the following Sentence: “As we leave 2020 behind us many will be breathing a sigh of relief and saying ‘Good Riddance’”



I suspect that many will be feeling much the same about 2021. As we listen to the ‘experts’ we get the impression that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Some experts lead us to believe that 2022 will see us past the worse of the virus and a return to some kind of normality.

On the other hand, there are those who tell us that the light at the end of the tunnel is an approaching train and that before long we will be back to the lock-down measures that we saw at the beginning of the pandemic.

Like most people I don’t know which to believe although I always prefer to take the optimistic view.

The uncertainty that faces us makes it very difficult to make plans, and the old phrases ‘God willing’ and ‘weather permitting’ that used to be added to our plans are now replaced with the phrase ‘covid restrictions allowing’.

Maybe one of the lessons that the last two years has taught us is not to live too much in the future, but to take each day as it comes and enjoy that day as a ‘day that the Lord has made’ and given us to know.

Jesus said: *“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”*

May God bless you and give you a happy new year.

Steve

SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 2nd January 10:30am Rev Steve Wallis
(Communion)

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 9th January 10:30am Misha Pedersen
5:00pm Service on Zoom

Sunday 16th January 10:30am Rev Paul Tarling
5:00pm Service on Zoom

Saturday 23rd January 10:00am Rev Steve Wallis
5:00pm Service on Zoom
(Communion)

Sunday 30th January 10:30am Rev Steve Wallis
5:00pm Service on Zoom

To get a link to join the Zoom Meetings please email the secretary at:
Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com

PRAYER & BIBLE REFLECTION
Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th at 2:30 on Zoom

Due to members of staff at the Post Office contracting Coronavirus, the shop will remain closed until the 5th January.

I am sure that all our readers will join with me in wishing all those with the virus a speedy recovery. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big:



to all those who work so hard in the Village Shop/Post Office, and to all those who have put themselves at risk to keep the village supplied in these difficult times.

CHRISTMAS TIME IN NEWBRIDGE ON WYE (By Clive Barrett).

NEWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON.

The Christmas season began in Newbridge with the Christmas Lights Switch On taking place early evening of Friday December 10th, outside The Golden Lion. There was Carol Singing led by some members of the Llandrindod Wells Theatre Company. The highlight for the children was a special visit from Father Christmas. Fortunately, it was a cold, but dry evening for the youngsters to queue to see him. There was also hot chocolate, hot toffee apple cider, and hot dogs and burgers, available for the sizeable crowd to enjoy. It should be said that all the outside Christmas lights and decorations in the village were excellent, including those outside the New Inn on the adjacent village green, a number of housing estates, and by individual residents in the village.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Newbridge Baptist Chapel held its annual Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday December 12th in the early evening. Gathering at Pentref were members and friends of the two local churches, together with local residents. Those attending included the Rev Peter Letson, who read one of the lessons, and his wife Clare of All Saints Church. Also present were Rev Paul Tarling and his wife Louise, who also read one of the lessons, from Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells. There were carols, readings, prayers, and a message from Rev Steve Wallis, Minister of Pentref, who appropriately with the church lit by candles, spoke about the light of the world taking over from complete darkness.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN.

This pre-Christmas joint service between All Saints Church and the Pentref Baptists took place on the afternoon of December 23rd. There was a good attendance of members and friends of the two churches, together with local residents. The outdoor event organisers were fortunate with the weather because the heavy rain relented for virtually all of the service. The carol service was led by Rev Peter Letson, assisted by Rev Steve Wallis, with church members doing the readings.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

There was a Communion Service at All Saints Church on Christmas morning conducted by Rev Peter Letson. There was a pleasing attendance of members from both Newbridge churches, including Rev Steve Wallis. The Christmas service of carols, prayers, readings, and congregation participation, culminated with Communion. There was a short appropriate sermon by the Rev Peter Letson, explaining the significance of the Christingle. The bible readings were given by Mrs. Clare Letson.

BOXING DAY SUNDAY.

The normal Sunday morning service was held at Pentref Baptist Chapel on Boxing Day morning, led by Rev Steve Wallis, who re-lit the candles on the Advent Ring as he spoke about lighting the way to Jesus.



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Pentref Chapel collects used postage stamps which are sold to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. The Leprosy mission works in countries all over the world bringing support to those who are suffering from leprosy. If you have any used stamps, please drop them into

the chapel or give them to someone you know who goes to the chapel. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones) (please leave approx 5mm of the envelope around the stamp)
Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)

Coins and bank notes

Cigarette cards

Old matchboxes

Medals



**Newbridge carnival is back on
Put the 25th June 2022 in your diary.**

**There will be
events like
a magician,
bubbleologist,
facepainting,
kids rides
to name a few.**

All free.

**Look out for fundraising events
And opportunities to help**

This newsletter is aimed to let the whole village know what is happening at the Baptist Church.

We intend to continue putting this newsletter out monthly to every home in the village.

We would like the newsletter to be a service to the village and will happily publicise events organised by other groups. If you would like to include an event in future issues, please contact either Steve or Elsa.

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www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel

The deadline for the February Edition is Mon 21st January
Please send to steveoncomputer@aol.com

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.
Amen